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City of Marietta celebrates 20 years of service to Dobbins ARB

By Senior Airman Reid HannaPublic Affairs

It was a red carpet day at Dobbins Air Reserve Base for the original flight crew who brought the first C-130 Hercules aircraft to the Air Force Reserve in 1982.

During an anniversary ceremony last month, the original flight crew was recognized for their role in the acceptance flight of aircraft number 81-0626, the "City of Marietta." As part of the ceremony, Maj. Kevin Greeley, 700th Airlift Squadron navigator, described C-130H airdrops including the deployment of parachute teams, a cargo drop and combat flight patterns.

After participating with other aircraft in the flights, aircraft 626 taxied up to the Fuel Cell Hangar where members of the Dobbins Base Honor Guard and the Dobbins Chiefs Group greeted it and the original crew. A red carpet guided their way to the stage where several speakers praised the accomplishments of the C-130H and the men and women who fly, maintain, load and use the aircraft as part of the Air Force mission.

Piloted by Lt. Col. Dan Kornacki, 700th Airlift Squadron commander, tail number 626 was the star of the day as the contributions of the C-130H to the military were outlined over the past 20 years. Thanking the original crew, Kornacki introduced them as Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander,



Photo by Don Peek

praised the accomplishments of the C- Mike McCarthy and Tom Brown, the pilots of the crew that delivered the 130H and the men and women who fly, first C-130H to Dobbins, depart the aircraft for the 20th Anniversary celebration.

presented them special coins minted for the event.

"This was a special day for those of us who work with these versatile aircraft," said Kane. "The Air Force placed a great deal of responsibility on the Reserve twenty years ago when it issued us these planes. We've made the most of it and today we can

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Senior leaders expand anthrax immunization program

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force senior leaders recently approved expansion of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program within the service, meaning more servicemembers will be asked to roll up their sleeves in the near future.

The Air Force Anthrax Vaccine Implementation Plan is being distributed to commanders, said Maj. Linda Bonnel of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

"Installations are to implement the Air Force plan immediately and expand anthrax vaccination to include Priority II personnel," Bonnel said.

Priority II personnel are military members, emergency-essential Department of Defense civilians and specified contractors assigned or deployed to designated

higher-threat areas for more than 15 consecutive days, Bonnel said. Priority I personnel, who recently began receiving the vaccine, include those in designated special mission units and anthrax vaccine manufacturing and DOD research personnel.

Higher-threat areas include countries primarily in Southwest Asia, the major said.

Individuals who fall within the Priority II description will be notified of their need for the anthrax vaccine, Bonnel said. The public health office at each installation will maintain a complete list of the most current higher-threat areas and will ensure troops receive all required force health protection measures prior to deployment.

"The health and safety of our troops is our number one concern," Bonnel said. "Vaccination offers a layer of protection — in addition to antibiotics and other measures — that is needed for certain members of the armed forces."

The Food and Drug Administration has determined that the current anthrax vaccine is safe and effective in protecting against all forms of anthrax infection, a scientific conclusion that was recently supported by the Institute of Medicine, Bonnel said.

The FDA-licensed schedule for the anthrax vaccine calls for doses at intervals of two and four weeks after the initial dose, followed by doses at the six, 12 and 18 month points, plus annual boosters.

Individuals who had previously started the anthrax vaccine series will pick up with the next dose due, Bonnel said.

For more information about the vaccine, check the official DOD Web site at http://www.anthrax.mil.

For more information on anthrax and its history see Page 5

Local law enforcement officials visit Dobbins

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman Public Affairs

Local Atlanta area law enforcement officers gathered on Dobbins ARB Oct. 10 to get a better idea about the capabilities of the 94th Security Forces.

> Following briefings



Commander David Lee of Marietta s Police Department goes through a combat scenario on the Squad Engagement Training System at the firing range.

Consolidated Club, the members visited the combat arms range for a demonstration. The were given hands-on training on the Squad Engagement Training System which put the officials through realistic combat scenarios.

"One of the reasons we had them out here was to thank them for their continued support," explained Maj. Jeff Tousignant, 94th SFS commander. "Many of the local departments have officers who have been called to active duty here. We wanted them to know that we realize when someone is mobilized it hurts their departments.

"We want to work together with all agencies so we can be united in our approach when conducting law enforcement activities," he added.

The guests gained plenty of insight during their visit.

"It is absolutely crucial to have a good working relationship with all organizations," said Jerry Waldrop, captain of Smyrna's Criminal Investigations Section.

"We're (civilian law enforcement agencies) not used to working with Dobbins day-to-day," he added. "It gives both military and civilian departments a working knowledge of the capabilities of each other."

The biggest benefit the visit had for



Master Sgt. Reinaldo Perez, 94th Security Forces Squadron combat arms trainging and maintenance, briefed on the M-60 machine gun to some of the local law enforcement officials.

Commander David Lee of Marietta's Police Department was the networking that took place.

"Communication is key in what we do," he said. "For us to get together and be able to put a face to a name is very important. This visit was extremely helpful for

Lee, one of the 94th Airlift Wing Honorary Commanders, used to visit to arrange for his department to train on the Dobbins obstacle course for an upcoming national competition with some of the nation's largest police departments.

94th Services takes top cooking honors at Fall Fling

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis Public Affairs

As the speakers for the 20th Anniversary celebration of the first C-130H delivery to the Air Force Reserve stepped off the stage, it was obvious there was a party starting in the background. The thump of the DJ's music cranked up to kick off this year's Fall Fling.

The Fall Fling is an annual event sponsored by the

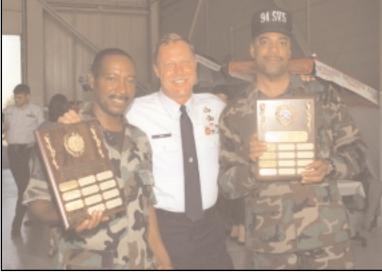
Dobbins Chiefs Group and is geared to bring reservists, Dobbins civilian employees, retirees and their families together for some fun time, hot food, and good memories. Held in conjunction with the C-130 20th anniversarv at the Fuel Cell Hangar, this year's fling drew a large group of Dobbins retirees and visitors.

Among this year's activities were the chili and wing cook-offs, door prizes, C-130

> tours, and a rifle drill demonstration by the Dobbins Base Honor Guard. Prize winners included Master Sgt. Geambro Anderson, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, who won the tool chest give-a-way. Also, big winners in the early evening were members of the 94th Services Squadron.

> tition plaques along with bragging rights for the next year.

"We work hard to make this event special," said Chief Master Sgt. Walt Langford, 80th Aerial Port Squadron superintendent. "We want it to be special because of what it gives back to the base and to some of our people who need a little help, especially during the holidays."



Master Sgt. Ralph Wells, left, and Tech. Sgt. Carl Yates, both Along with cooking chili and members of the 94th Services Squadron are joined by Chief wings for hundreds, they won Master Sgt. Les Davy, president of the Dobbins Chiefs Group who both the chili and wings compe- presented them this year s plaques for the Best Chili and Best

Funds raised from door prizes and donations go back into base activities.

"The Fall Fling is typical of what we as chiefs represent here at Dobbins," said Les Davy, 22nd Air Force Life Support superintendent, and president of the Dobbins Chiefs Group. "Through events like this, dues and occasional fundraisers, we are able to support a variety of worthy causes around the base."



Pounds of barbecued pork, chicken wings and all the trimmings were up for grabs at this years Fall Fling.

Local clergy fly through heavens during tour



Clergy members listen intently to the pre-flight brief-

By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola Public Affairs

Getting people to pray for a good day to fly was not very difficult on Oct. 8, when clergy statewide were invited to tour the base and to fly on a C-130.

Dobbins' members invited their civilian clergy to the event to give them a better understanding of their jobs as an Air Force reservists.

"The function served by clergy to military members is very important," said Maj. William Ferrell, base chaplain. military members with problems that may ing from base weather s John Ridley. arise in the future.'

"Being able to physically see how Dobbins operates will give clergy a better understanding of what their congregation member does for the Air Force,"added Ferrell

The day began with Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, welcoming the guests to Dobbins and thanking them for the valuable service they provide to military members.

After the introduction the guests boarded a C-130 and received a scenic flight around Atlanta. "I have never been in a military plane before," said Minister Roy Miller, First Baptist at Rockmart, "It was an amazing flight and I



"Working together, we can help those Before boarding the C-130, clergy members recieved a weather brief-

was able to see my house as we flew over it."

After touring over Atlanta, the clergy received tours of the weather station, 80th Aerial Port Squadron and the 94th Aerial Delivery Flight, where members provided them with a brief overview of their job responsibilities.

When the touring was completed the day came to a close with lunch at the Consolidated Club.

"This day gave me a better understanding of what goes on out here on a daily basis," said Miller. "Even though I attended Clergy Day last year, being able to fly in the C-130 was truly a great experience."

Lodging renovations complete



Lt. Col. Curtis Williams (left), 94th Support Group commander, Dale Prell, HQ AFRC, Alice Fields, Lodging chief, Tatsue Fowler, lead custodial worker and Brig. Gen. William Kane 94th Airlift Wing commander cut the ribbon to officially open the new renovated lodging facilities (above). Prell recieves the first key for the new facilities from lodging clerk Kimberly McClendon. (below)



Troops to Teachers program now available to qualified reservists

By Maj. Hal Abbenhaus

Education Specialist in Pensacola, Fla.

WASHINGTON - A worsening shortage is now approaching, according to figures compiled by the National Education Association. Reserve personnel can help alleviate the problem.

In January 2002, the Troops to Teachers program expanded to include reservists. Under the program, the U.S. Department of Education and the Defense Department team up to help qualified service members transition to teaching careers.

The Troops to Teachers program is designed to recruit quality teachers for schools serving lowincome families and to relieve teacher shortages.

Reservists who wish to participate in the program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or have one year of college with six years experience in a vocational or technical field.

Reservists qualify under four different options:

- a Retired from the drilling reserve, such as Air Force Reserve Command, with 20 or more years on or after Oct. 1, 1999; must apply for the program within four years of retirement
- a Now serving in the drilling reserve with $10\,\mathrm{or}$ more years of creditable service and commit to serving an additional three years or until eligible for retirement.
- a Retired or separated from the drilling reserve due to a physical disability on or after Jan. 8, 2002; must apply within four years of separation.
- a Transitioning from active duty on or after Jan. 8, 2002, with six or more years of active duty immediately prior to separation and a commitment

to serve three years with a drilling reserve unit; must apply within four years of separation.

Pending availability of funds, eligible individuals may receive up to \$5,000 to offset teacher certification expenses and an additional \$5,000 bonus if they teach in a school serving a high percentage of students from low-income families.

Schools around the country will need some 2.4 million teachers in the next 11 years because of teachers retiring, teachers leaving the classrooms and increased student enrollment. The NEA said the need will be most acute in bilingual and special education positions, mathematics, sciences, computer science, and English-as-a-second-language and foreign language specialists.

In high-poverty urban and rural districts alone, more than 700,000 new teachers will be needed in the next 10 years. About 42 percent of all public schools in the United States have no minority teachers. The percentage of minority teachers is expected to shrink to an all-time low of five percent, while 41 percent of American students will be

People interested in continuing to serve their country and discovering a new and rewarding career teaching access www.ProudToServeAgain.com, the Troops to Teachers Web site, for more information. The site provides the latest updates on the program, resource links for program applicants and important links to state-specific education sites. (AFRC News Service from American Forces Press Service)

Around the Wing ———



Maj. Larry Murphy 22nd Air Force Aerial Port Operations deputy director

We the People: It's been said and I'll say it again — America's best days are yet to come. Our proudest moments are yet to be. Our most glorious achievements are just ahead.

America remains what Emerson called her 170+ years ago, "the country of tomorrow." What a wonderful description and how true. And yet tomorrow might never have happened had we lacked the courage to chart a course of integrity, strength and honor.

The speaker had no idea of the depths of his words. Today America once again arrived at the cross-roads to her great destiny and faces a question of fate:

It has been said that ours was the first revolution in the history of mankind that truly reversed the course of government; how three little words: "We the People" changed not only the course of Mankind but how the world would forever function.

As I watched the tragedies of 9-11 unfold via a television on a US Army Base in South Korea I began to feel the frustration and sorrow that Americans were feeling at home; though thousands

of miles away, I was deeply tied to America. I watched in anger, horror and disbelief as the foreign news stations showed those horrific crash scenes over and over. I felt a sense of helplessness, I could only watch with immense pride as many Americans provided aid and comfort to those in need, as families rushed to donate blood, money and personal time; I wanted to come home.

My scheduled flight was still cancelled for only military planes were going to the States; I was desperately stuck outside of my country! Being stranded turned into a beautiful thing; I began an in-depth reflection I began to understand America and its purpose on the world stage.

We are the greatest nation on the face of the earth, the cradle of Liberty who must serve as the pillars of right-eousness and strength for those can not defend themselves. We must accept the fact that we are held to a higher standard, a standard of moral, ethical and societal beliefs not of superiority but of fairness to all, justice for the meek, and stabilizing calm under pressure.

We must keep up our guard, but we must also continue to work together to lessen and eliminate tensions and mistrust. Emerson was right; we are the country of tomorrow.

Our revolution did not end at Yorktown, we are a nation still in its infancy, a nation whose toddler years are yet to come, it is said "America remains on a voyage of discovery, a land that has never become, but is always in the act of becoming."

"We the People" are from all parts of America, we (the people) were arrived at Dobbins to uphold those traditions and constitutional values for which so many veterans and non-veterans alike have sacrificed their lives. For "we" in the military, to be held to the highest of standards, to serve with pride, and to defend the Constitution is a very difficult and demanding task. We The People must bear that burden with honor...I'm very proud of the United States of America and I believe in its destiny.

Top-Three Connection—



Chief Master Sgt. Charles Lowe 22nd Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 all the treaties were signed ending World War I. In 1919 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11, Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war and to remember the end of World War I.

A law was adopted in 1938 making Armistice Day a national holiday and soon thereafter we were at war again: World War II (1940-1945) and Korean War (1950-1953). In 1954, the Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veteran's Day, to honor all U.S. veterans and to dedicate a day to world peace.

I believe that Veteran's Day should be observed each and every day of our lives. Daily we should honor the courage and patriotism of all men and women who ever donned a military uniform of the United States of America. Today there are more than 25 million veteran's of which 20 million are war veterans. What can we do to show our gratitude and respect to those who have served to secure those freedoms that we enjoy today?

Here's my list of 11 things that we

might do for this Veterans Day:

- Go to your local VA hospital and visit with the veterans there, thanking them for their service to their country and let them know they are not forgotten.
- Get a list of hospitalized veterans and send them cards or letters thanking them for their contributions to this nation.
- Invite a veteran to speak at a squadron gathering: they are living examples of the timeless truth that freedom is not free.
- Many VA hospitals have a hospital drive going on at this time to collect food and clothing for the homeless veterans. Call your local VA hospital and see what items are needed and have several collection points across the base
- Attend a Veteran organization such as the Veteran's of Foreign Wars
- Attend a Veteran's Day service at Arlington National Cemetery or any national cemetery.
- Attend a church service on Sunday: most churches will be honoring service members by quoting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing Patriotic songs, and praying for our service men and women past and present.
- Visit a military museum like the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Savannah or the Enlisted Heritage Hall in Montgomery or The Century of Flight Museum at Robins Air Force Base
- March in a Veteran's Day
- Join the Dobbins Base Honor Guard.
 Nearly 2,000 veterans die daily and this would be an opportunity to honor military veterans in the highest manner possible.
- At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month have two minutes of silence to honor those that have fallen or are unaccounted-for.

We too are members of this elite brotherhood called "Veterans" and it is our duty to ensure our military heritage is never forgotten nor the men and women who have served, are serving now, and those that will be serving in the future are never forgotten as well.

We have been left with a proud legacy from our brothers and sisters in arms and it is our duty to make sure that it continues: Remember.



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New guidance for anthrax shots Threat, tour length determine need for vaccination

By Kenny Pruitt

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga - Unless deployed to a high-threat area for more than 15 days, most Air Force reservists can expect to keep their sleeves rolled down after the Air Force distributed its anthrax implementation plan to commanders Oct. 11.

In a June 28 memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul D. Wolfowitz said active-duty people and emergency-essential DOD civilians, as well as members of reserve components who are deployed for more than 15 days to high-threat areas will be immunized.

In early 1998, BioPort, the only company making the vaccine, closed its facility for renovation. With the halt in production, supplies of the vaccine dwindled, and by 2000 the military had extensively slowed its vaccination program

"It is important that all people whose duties are essential to mission-critical capabilities are vaccinated against anthrax for their personal protection and for success of the military mission," said Chief Master Sgt. Susan Glenn, individual mobilization augmentee to the

director of medicine in the Pentagon's Office of the Air Force Reserve. "Immunizations will begin with designated special mission units and people involved in research and anthrax vaccine manufacturing."

U.S. intelligence agencies are keeping track of the locations where anthrax could or would be used as a biological war. Vaccinations will be mandatory for people in those high-threat areas if they are there for more than 15 consecutive days, except for those medically or administratively exempt, Glenn said.

Higher-threat areas include countries primarily in Southwest Asia, said Maj. Linda Bonnel of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

Full immunization with anthrax vaccine requires six doses administered over 18 months to complete the primary series.

After the initial dose, shots are given at two weeks, four weeks, six months, 12 months, and 18 months.

"There is no minimum number of shots required before deploying. Depending on the amount of time from notification to actual deployment, members would receive as many shots as possible," Glenn said. "Vaccine is or will be available at all forward deployed locations.'

As for reservists who previously received vaccinations but didn't complete the series, Glenn said they will resume the immunization with the next shot in the series. For example, if a member received shot number three in January 1999, the individual will continue the series with shot number four.

"If approved by their commander, an administrative exemption may be applicable for those retiring or separating within 180 days," Glenn said. "The exemption will not apply to personnel who the commander determines will receive the vaccine because of overriding mission requirements."

When reservists separate from the military before completion of the anthrax vaccine series, their vaccinations will cease. However, if recalled to military service, people who have not completed the vaccination series will continue the schedule with administration of the next dose in the series or booster.

Since the beginning of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program in March 1998, DOD has vaccinated more than 525,000 people with more than 2.1 million doses of anthrax vaccine. (AFRC News Service)

Anthrax offers cheap, effective weapon of mass destruction

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.

- As a weapon, anthrax resembles a "Saturday-night special." It's relatively cheap, easy to produce and uncomplicated to use.

This weapon of mass destruction has also been called "a poor man's nuclear bomb" because it can cause similar casualties for a fraction of the cost. Another marketable attribute of anthrax is how easy it is to be delivered. In some instances, it only takes an envelope and stamp to reach its mark.

The dangers of anthrax took on new meaning for the United States in October 2001 when an American Media Inc. employee in Boca Raton, Fla., was diagnosed with inhalation anthrax, the deadliest form of the disease.

Within two months, five people were dead and another 22 became ill as a result of anthrax-tainted mail delivered in Florida, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Washington, D.C.

The use of anthrax as a weapon, especially inhalation anthrax, has concerned U.S. military officials for decades. Its versatility allows for mass delivery from a variety of sources, including aircraft, a spray device or a missile warhead.

Concerns about anthrax escalated in 1979 when the largest incident involving inhalation anthrax occurred at a military research facility in Sverdlovsk, Russia. Cases were reported in animals more than 30 miles from the site.

More recently, Iraq revealed that it



had loaded bombs, missiles and rockets with anthrax prior to the Gulf War.

Incidents such as these demonstrate a real worldwide threat, with failure to prepare possibly resulting in grave consequences. In fact, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency James Woolsey referred to anthrax as "the single most dangerous threat to our national security in the foreseeable future."

Anthrax, caused by the bacterium Bacillus Anthracis, is found in hoofed animals such as cattle and sheep. It can pass from animals to humans through contaminated hair, hides or blood but is not contagious between humans. However, for years the disease has been studied for use as a biological weapon by several countries, including Germany and

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Anthrax can exist in three somewhat distinct clinical syndromes in humans: inhalation, cutaneous and gastrointestinal disease.

Inhalation anthrax, known as woolsorters' disease, is the most likely to be used as a biological weapon. The incubation period for anthrax is one to five days. Once in contact, the initial stage begins with the onset of myalgia, malaise, fatigue, nonproductive cough and fever. The second stage, lasting only a few days and often culminating in death, develops suddenly with the onset of acute respiratory distress, hypoxemia and cyanosis. The second stage may include a mild fever or, alternatively, hypothermia and shock. Left untreated, fatality rates are estimated

cutaneous form of anthrax occurs most frequently on the hands and forearms of people working with infected livestock. It usually remains

at 99 percent.

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localized, but without treatment the local infection can occasionally become fatal. If treated, the mortality rate is approximately 1 percent.

Gastrointestinal anthrax is rare in humans and is usually contracted by the ingestion of insufficiently cooked meat from infected animals. Abdominal pain and fever occur first, followed by nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. In humans, the mortality rate for untreated cutaneous anthrax ranges up to 25 percent.

Because of the high fatality rate, especially for inhalation anthrax, the U.S. military continues to advocate the use of vaccine. The basic reason for the vaccinations is force protection, a preventive medicine measure to decrease the risk of death and operational degradation due to exposure to anthrax. (AFRC News Service)

Inhalation anthrax can occur when inhaling as few as 5,600-6,000 anthrax spores, perhaps in a single deep breath.

Anthrax spores are tasteless, adorless and invisible.

Spores are highly resistant to heat, cold, chemical disinfectants and long dry periods.

Spores can survive for years in the environment.

Source: Departments of Defense and Agriculture

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proudly look back at the role we played in assuming more and more of the Air Force mission."

A close neighbor joined in the celebration as Alyce Sarno, Lockheed-Martin Aeronautical Systems director of site services, spoke about the close relationship over the years between Lockheed and Dobbins. She also thanked the uniformed services for all of their contributions toward national defense.

Chief Master Sgt. Bill Estes, 94th Maintenance Squadron production superintendent spoke of the history of the C-130, which began in 1954. He was here in 1982 to see the first plane arrive. Also around for the first delivery was Chief Master Sgt. John Cowman, 700th AS loadmaster superintendent, who was part of the acceptance crew 20 years ago.

"This was a wonderful day for us and the C-130," said Cowman. "When I got off the aircraft, I got a little emotional. It was very moving to be a part of such a great ceremony and to remember back over the years that we've all worked together on this plane."

(Clockwise from top) MSgt. Mark Brown gets ready to roll out the red carpet as aircraft 626 taxis into position. Members of the first crew line up in front of the aircraft. Capt. Jeff Hentz, 700th Airlift Squadon, lent his daughter his sunglasses during the flying demonstration. Lt. Col. Mike Wooten, 700th AS and Col. Jim Hite, 94th Airlift Wing Inspector General at the 20th Anniversary golf tournament at Ft. McPherson Golf Club. Hite retired during the October unit training assembly. A youngster gazes skyward to catch a glimpse of the C-130 demonsration. All photos by Don Peek unless otherwise indicated

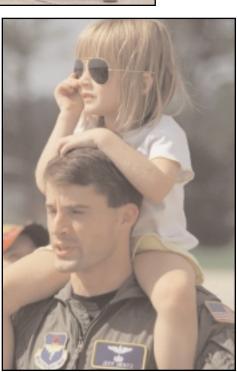












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Reserve recruiter accessions lead the way in DODs effort

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people in the Department of Defense. It s

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Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service

Col. Kevin Reinert

Vice Commander

people America has to offer.

AFRC recruiters average 42 recruits every year

By 2nd Lt. John Fage Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Despite the occasional use of reading glasses over his contact lenses, the vision of Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service's vice commander has never been clearer when it comes to recruiting.

"Our goal is to field the best trained salespeople in the

Department of Defense," said Col. Kevin Reinert, a 13-year veteran of active-duty and Reserve recruiting. "It's a crowded marketplace. Other military services and companies from the private sector are competing for the best young people America has to offer."

Despite those challenges, AFRC recruiters lead the way in accessions per recruiter in the Department of Defense, with each recruiter averaging about 42 recruits each year. And, Reinert would like them to remain No. 1.

"All our recruiters are volunteers," he said. "They're intelligent, trustworthy, love what they do, and enjoy informing the public of the many benefits the Air Force Reserve offers. Even so, that combination won't guarantee success."

According to Reinert, benefit-driven competition, increasing applicant demands for quality recruiting, entry, and long-term commitment experience, along with a growing requirement to know the applicant's needs and interests better are factors in the mounting need for improved recruiting services.

The large active-duty and reserve component drawdowns provided Air Force Reserve recruiters with a "target-rich" environment in the early 1990's. Therefore, the command was able to maintain its endstrength. Unfortunately, by the second half of the decade, the prior-service Air Force market showed signs of drying up, and lean recruiting years followed.

"We failed to make endstrength for several reasons," Reinert said. "We were short on recruiters, advertising dollars and training. Thanks to our senior leadership, we eventually got great support in all three areas."

ELECRUITING SER Modernized training ranks high on Reinert's list of priorities.

"Recruiting is one of the only career fields in the Air Force that doesn't offer its members Career Development Courses," he said. "Following four weeks of sales training at Lackland Air Force Base (Texas), a recruiter reports to the field and is expected to start putting up numbers a short time later. There's on-the-job training offered by the supervisor, and it may last up to a year. However, recruiters are expected to perform on their own because they may not be collocated with their trainer."

In late 1999, Reserve Recruiting turned to the private sector for new ideas and entered into a contract with the Brooks Group, a sales training consulting firm headquartered in Greensboro, N.C.

"We introduced a new, nonmanipulative selling philosophy and system during our national awards banquet in New Orleans in January 2000," Reinert said. "It's called IMPACT and stands for Investigate, Meet, Probe, Apply, Convince, and Tie-It-Up. It was a tough sell to get people

to buy into the new system. People were used to doing business one way, and now we were asking them to do something different."

In April 2001, Col. Francis "Mike" Mungavin assumed command of the organization and shortly thereafter completed the IMPACT training class himself. Sold on the idea that the IMPACT system was the way to go, Mungavin committed the resources to make the program work.

"We contracted with the Brooks Group to teach our people to become IMPACT experts," said Reinert. "And just as importantly, Bill Brooks, the chief executive officer of the Brooks Group made us an offer we couldn't refuse. For a nominal charge, he sold us the 'rights' to use the IMPACT system at the recruiter school."

Starting in January 2003, the curriculum at the Basic Recruiter Course will reflect the IMPACT Selling System philosophy.

Besides increased recruiter production, Reinert said there's a long-term individual value to employing the IMPACT Selling System.

> "We offer every recruiter the opportunity to earn a certification as an Selling System Professional," Reinert said. "It's similar to the board certification a doctor can earn. It takes a lot of study time, comparable to professional military education, but once earned, the certification clearly identifies the recruiters as specialists in their chosen field.

"Furthermore, when our recruiters retire from recruiting duty, they can take their certification with them to the private sector," he said. "More than 500 commercial com-

panies employ the IMPACT Selling System, and most would be glad to higher someone who's been designated an

Reservists interested in a recruiting career should call the Reserve Recruiting Service at DSN 497-0145 or (478) 327-0145. (AFRC News Service)

Despite Stop-Loss, Reserve recruiting exceeds FY 2002 expectations

By 2nd Lt. Lance T. Patterson Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - The Air Force Reserve Command exceeded its recruiting expectations for fiscal year 2002, despite being hampered by the Air Force's Stop-Loss program.

In previous years, recruiters relied heavily on separating active-duty members to fill Reserve positions, but that luxury was largely gone because many active-force members were being involuntarily retained by Stop-Loss to fight the war on terrorism. Stop-Loss also affected the Reserve, so it had fewer vacancies to fill because of separations and retirements.

The recruiting goal was set lower than in years past because the Reserve had to recruit largely non-prior service people to fill vacancies.

With a goal of 7,600 during fiscal year 2002, which ended Sept. 30, the recruiters signed up 8,202 recruits, yielding an end-strength requirement of 103.4 percent. During the previous fiscal year, the goal was 10,037, and the command accessed 10,500 recruits, to finish the year at 100.69 percent of programmed strength.

"We knew it would be a challenge exceeding the recruiting numbers of FY01, which was the highest posted in five years," said Col. Francis M. Mungavin, director of recruiting at Headquarters AFRC. "I give full credit to our bag-carrying recruiters, who are responsible for surpassing our recruiting goal set for 2002."

Mungavin said his people knew 2002 would be a demanding year, so they implemented some new strategies to get the job done. He attributes the success to the following:

Targeting inactive, prior-service people who had served in other military branches, as well as people who never served in the military;

Teaming with commanders at all levels for projecting active-duty members after the end of

Improving recruiter training and Reserve recruiting commercial advertisement, and;

Developing an award-winning Web site www.afreserve.com - and two international programs - "Recruit the recruiter," to fill recruiting vacancies, and "Get One" whereby reservists recommend potential recruits.

This fiscal year promises to be another test for Reserve recruiters with a goal of 10,367.

"We have taken steps to prepare to meet our FY03 recruiting goals by establishing a new recruiter training program and by receiving increased advertising monies," Mungavin said. (AFRC News Service)

Mobilized reservists have right to return to civilian job

By Kenny Pruitt

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.

- Reservists called to active duty in support of America's war on terrorism want and deserve assurance that they can return to their civilian job.

To help them, Congress passed the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act in 1994 to keep reservists out of the unemployment line after their military service commitment ends.

Prompted by the Gulf War as a replacement to the aging Veterans' Reemployment Rights Law, USERRA minimizes the problems that may occur when people are called away from their civilian jobs.

At one point during the war on terrorism, more than 14,000 Air Force Reserve members were mobilized. By early October 2002, that number dropped to 4,800 as reservists demobilized and returned home.

"The 1940 reemployment rights law had been amended so many times that it was confusing and cumbersome," said Capt. Samuel F. Wright of the Naval Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps. "Instead of coming up with 10 or 15 amendments, we decided to rewrite it."

With clearer wording and reduced red tape, USERRA addresses a number of issues, ranging from the reservists' responsibility to notify their employers to expanded reemployment rights for employees.

USERRA increases the anti-discrimination protection for reservists in

Responsibility for protecting rights rests with reservists

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE,

Ga. - Enacted by Congress in 1994, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act is designed to protect an individual's civilian jobs when they go on active duty, voluntarily or involuntarily.

However, the individual must meet certain eligibility requirements to be protected by the law. Those provisions include:

a Holding a civilian job with some

hiring, retention and advancement on the basis of their military obligation. right Furthermore, employers must make reasonable efforts to retrain or upgrade skills prov

sonable efforts to retrain or upgrade skills to qualify workers for reemployment following lengthy absences because of military obligation.

"If an employee can't get his or her exact job back, the employer should provide one with like pay and status," said Army National Guardsman Lt. Col. Jess Soto of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's national headquarters in Arlington, Va. "If employers cannot provide like pay and status, they must prove an undue hardship."

In addition, the law expands health care and employee benefit pension plan coverage. It also improves protection for disabled veterans and strengthens enforcement mechanisms for service reasonable expectation for continued employment.

- a Giving notice to the employer that he or she will be leaving the job for service in the uniformed services, including Reserve component training.
- a Being released from military service under honorable conditions.
- a Not exceeding the five-year cumulative limit on periods of military service.
- a Applying for reemployment in a timely manner.

Members of Air Force Reserve and other reserve components can learn more about the USERRA laws by going to the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's Web site - www.esgr.com

members who believe their reemployment rights have been violated.

Among the act's most important provisions is the one that expands the length of time that a reservist can be away from civilian employment. With USERRA, an employee can perform duty up to a total of five cumulative years while employedand still retain his or her reemployment rights. Under the old law, the limit was four years.

Both laws permitted reservists to begin a fresh five-year/four-year limit upon starting a job with a new employer.

Wright said there are many kinds of duty that do not count against the five-year limit, such as unit training assemblies and involuntary deployments. As a result, Wright said, "The majority of reservists never get close to reaching the five-year limit."

What does count toward the fiveyear limit is special training that is not categorized as professional development and volunteer duty assignments for noncritical requirements.

Educating reservists about the USSERA law is one of the roles of the ESGR headquarters, which was created in 1972 to keep conflicts between civilian employment and military duties to a minimum.

At the local level, each wing under the Air Force Reserve Command is expected to appoint a unit ESGR representative, who works with local Mission One volunteers to provide direct assistance to reservists in the unit.

ESGR Mission One volunteers also act as a conduit to state ESGR ombudsmen, who are responsible for understanding the USSERA laws and representing reservists in disputes with employers.

If local efforts fail to resolve a conflict, reservists can contact an ESGR ombudsman directly for assistance by going through the HQ ESGR toll-free number 1-800-336-4590.

The headquarters now receives more than twice as many calls as it did before 9/11.

"Around 30 to 40 percent of the callers just want information," Soto said. "The number one question that reservists ask is 'Will I get the same job back when I go back to work?"

Although the employee isn't 'bullet proof,' the law benefits the reservists and their families. ESGR is here to ensure both the reservist and the employer are familiar with that that law." (AFRC News Service)

Planning helps reduce stress when deployment ends

By Lt. Col. Tom Deall

Director of Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs

DENVER - Prior to a deployment, the Air Force wants to make the separation as easy as possible for the military family, so the member can concentrate on his or her job while away from home.

Obtaining a power of attorney, setting up an allotment, and ensuring family members are properly enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System so they get benefits and entitlements are all designed to make the transition smoother. The process may seem time-consuming, but it gives servicemembers one last chance to settle all issues of concern for the well-being of their families and to afford them some peace of mind.

But what about when it's time to return home? What happens to reservists who have been away for 90 days or more?

Except for duty requirements, their ability to come and go has been relatively unrestricted. More importantly, they've had a respite from taxiing children to and from

school, doing chores, and spending weekends going from one activity to another. For most of them, bills were also left behind as their spouse assumed those responsibilities.

For the spouse, the duties of holding down household demands went from a shared responsibility to one that occupies most of his or her time. One person takes on the roles of both parents, becoming chauffeur, cook, healer, tutor, referee and consoler.

Though assuming these new roles is difficult at first, both servicemember and spouse develop a routine and learn to manage alone. Of course, that's a temporary situation that demands attention when the deployment ends.

According to family support specialists, a lot of stress is associated with the end of a deployment and the return of the servicemember. For the military spouse who has learned to be independent and self-reliant, there is anxiety associated with having to welcome back a spouse, who, at times, can seem like a stranger in the home. The returning reservist on the other hand may be living in a fantasy world, expecting life to be different than reality.

Couples can rebuild their partnership if they take

time to communicate. (See related advice for the reservist and the spouse.) Talking brings them closer together and helps them to accept that the other person may be different in a number of ways, including how he or she reacts to the other partner. Experts emphasize that reestablishing intimate and sexual relationships may be awkward at first and suggest going slowly.

When dealing with children, the returning reservist must remember to avoid attempts at making up for lost time. He or she needs to make a concerted effort to spend quality time with each child. The transition affects children because they may resent mommy or daddy being away.

Overall, it's important that reservists and spouses not go the transition alone. With specialists available at the base family support center, chaplain's office and life skills support center, families can seek help if and when needed. With help and planning, their reunion can be a celebration and not a stressful situation when the deployment is over.

More information on homecomings is available on the Air Force Community Website: www.afcrossroads.com (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

Keepin busy

Honor guard performed more than 300 details in FY 2002

By Master Sgt. Denise White Honor Guard Superintendent

During fiscal year 2002 the 94th AW Honor Guard performed 342 details. These included 185 Honor details and 157 Color details.

An additional 23 details were either cancelled or declined for various reasons.

The Honor's team, augmenting the 78th Honor

HAVE HONOR GUARD

Guard covered 70,000 sq miles that brought them to locations such as Nashville, TN. and Murphy N.C.

While the Colors team remained local, they supported community events such as 2002 Winter Special Olympics, Rich's Tree

lighting, the Tuskegee Airmen National Convention, the Georgia Department of Education, Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Braves and even the Atlanta Falcons.

Both the Honor and Color teams joined together in supporting the youth in our community by presenting Colors and performing demonstrations for the National 4-H Congress, the Boy Scouts, Little League, Homecomings and AFRC's Daughters Workday.



Photo by Don Peek

Then Airman 1st Class Deserie Jackson, now Senior Airman, 94th Aerial Delivery Flight performs at a funeral.

Upcoming Honor Guard Events

Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

Recruiting Awards Banquet

Nov. 2, 2:30 p.m.

Dobbins Top Three meeting

Nov. 3, 7:30 a.m.

Civil Engineering Squadron retirements

Nov. 3, 1 p.m.

Chief Judy Andrews retirement

Nov. 7, 11:30 a.m.

Clayton County Veterans Luncheon, Ft. Gillem

Nov. 8, 9 a.m.

Madras Middle School

Nov. 11. 8:30 a.m.

Hollydale Elementary School

Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m.

Shallowford Elementary School

Nov. 11, 11 a.m.

Lincoln Cemetary Veteran s Day

Nov. 11, 1 p.m.

Dallas Veterans Day Parade

Nov. 12, 6 p.m.

Lockheed Leadership Veteran s Day

Nov. 22, 6 p.m.

Georgia Dept. of Education Leadership Conference

Newest Chief

Chief Master Sqt. Paul Walker, 22nd Air Force Readiness superintendent became Dobbins newest chief in October. At a packed 22nd Air Force Media Center, Walker pinned on the new rank and thanked his family, peers, and friends for their support during the years. He also became the newest Jeep Chief, an obligation that Chief Master Sgt. Jim McKenna (right), 22nd Life Support, happily passes along.



Photo by Don Peek

Herk Wonders



What is the strangest Thanksgiving holiday you ever had?

"I was at some friends' house one thanksgiving, they served ham-hocks and pig's feet. There was no way I was going to eat that."

Airman Adrian Willis, personnel specialist, 94th Mission Support Squadron

"The strangest food I was ever served was at my grandmother's house. She had chitlins and it was disgusting."

Staff Sgt. Ronda Worth, employment specialist, 94th MSS

"A friend of the family prepared 'Turduk-hen.' It is not so strange when you know what it is. A hen is put inside of a duck and the duck goes in the turkey. They are all cooked together and it was very good."

Tech. Sgt. Angie Cooper, chief of base training, 94th MSS

"I don't have anything really strange; but my uncle from Maine did roast a black bear one Thanksgiving. What? It was good!"

Staff Sgt. Rebekah Chambers, wing training manager, 94th MSS

"One Thanksgiving, I was at my friends' house. The table setting and the food looked good. Then they served something called 'blood pudding.' I think it is supposed to go on the food, but I couldn't look. I tried to seem unaffected but the name of it is awful. I just sat there and tried to be nice."

1st Lt. Jackie Chatwick, executive officer, 94th Operations Group

Extended reservists must report change to keep benefits

Mobilized reservists who are extended into a second year must go to their servicing military personnel unit to ensure they receive continuous health care and other benefits

If deployed overseas, they see their Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team to update information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and receive a new identification card. Reservists in the United States report to their servicing Military Personnel Flight's Customer Service Office to complete those processes.

Air Force Reserve Command personnel officials said it is important for extended reservists to go to their PERSCO or MPF because medical benefits for them and their families are based on information in their DEERS file and up-to-date IDs.

MPFs have procedures in place to issue ID cards when the sponsor is deployed elsewhere. Family members need to bring their current Department of Defense ID card for proof of eligibility. (AFRC News Service)

Open House and Comedy Night

Not a Consolidated Club member yet? Well, the club is sweetening the deal by opening its doors to eligible nonmembers during "Open House and Comedy Night," Nov. 2nd. Stop by for more fun, games, food and prizes than you've ever seen. All adults eligible for mem-

Community Service





Courtesy photos

The Dobbins Top Three organization recently spent some off-duty time cleaning up the Jonesville Cemetary. Some of the member s children (top) even pitched in to help. Master Sgt. Luis Agredo, from the Transportation Proficiency Center (above) takes a full load out to the trash. More than 25 reservists from the 94th Support Group, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Griffin Services, and 22nd Air Force and others took part in the clean up.

The January UTA originally scheduled for Jan 4-5 has been rescheduled to Jan. 11-12

bership will enjoy a complimentary meal from 6 to 8 p.m. A comedy troupe from the 7 Stars group will also perform an hour and half show. Attendance is limited to individuals eligible for club membership and one guest, who pays only \$5 for the meal. Attendance is first-come, first-served

Thanksgiving buffet coming your way

Spend time with your family and your military family this Thanksgiving holiday by letting the Consolidated Club serve you dinner in elegance and tranquility. A buffet will be served Thursday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The menu features hand-carved roast beef, honey-baked ham, turkey and dressing, smoked salmon, sweet potato souffle, creamed potatoes, a variety of vegetables and gourmet salads and desserts. For your enjoyment, live music will be played during dinner. The total cost of the Thanksgiving Day event is \$14.95. Club members receive a \$2 discount on the Thanksgiving buffet. Call (770) 427-5551 for reservations.

Camping discounts

Enjoy the wonders of the outdoors this fall with the Rental Center's special camping equipment discounts. Until Nov. 18, all of the camping equipment is 50 percent off the listed rental price. Stop by and check out the variety of campers from Aerolite to Palomino. The great outdoors is never more beautiful than in the fall and an offer like this only comes around once a year.

Three-point shot challenge

Can you "Shoot the Rock from Downtown?" If so, you have a chance to show your skills at the Dobbins Fitness Center. On Wednesday, Nov. 20, the Fitness Center will host a 3-point shot challenge at 11:30 a.m. on the Fitness Center basketball court. Trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams.

Three-on-Three hoops tournament

The annual Holiday Three-on-Three Half-Court Basketball Tournament will be held at the Fitness Center Gymnasium at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The tournament is single elimination and will run continually until a championship team is determined. Each game will be 15-minutes long with one time out per team. Individual trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams. Maximum members per team are four. To register your team, contact the Fitness Center at (678) 655-4872.

New Year's Eve celebration

Celebrate the New Year, club style. The Dobbins Consolidated Club is offering fun, food, games, dancing and more on this eve of all eves. Tickets go on sale Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. for \$35 per person. Dinner includes a choice of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu with all the trimmings. Also, included in your tickets price, is a split of champagne with dinner, breakfast at midnight and party favors. As an added bonus, Chuck and Rita a.k.a. Classified will be playing dinner and dance music from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. If you would like to make a Lodging reservation for use after the party, stop by Lodging by Dec. 2 to sign up. Payment, which is nonrefundable, is necessary at the time of the reservations. These are space-available reservations and are subject to change due to military requirements.

Birthday gifts for everyone

The Consolidated Club has a birthday gift for any and every one. During your birthday month, you can pick up a certificate for \$10 off dinner at the club. The certificate can be used any Friday evening during your birthday month for a great dinner at the club. Call the club at (770) 427-5551 for more information. Birthday certificates are for the dues-paying members only.

New service dress nametag

As of Oct. 1, the Air Force's service dress uniform will welcome back an old friend; the nametag. The new service dress nametag has brushed satin finish and blue letters. It is slightly larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. The new nametag will only feature the wearer's last name and will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals. The new nametags will be available in Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores at a future date when stocks become available.

No trespassing at firing range

Trespassing on the small-arms firing range is not only illegal but also dangerous because of gunfire. The range is located adjacent to Patrol road at 2123 Munitions Road. For more information call 678-655-4798.

Chapter 1606 rate increase

The Chapter 1606 selected reserve educational assistance program rate adjustment became effective Oct. 1, and is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index. The Consumer Price Index increased 1.5 percent this year. The VA determines the rates by a legislated formula, so not every rate level is increased by exactly 1.5 percent.

G.I. Bill increased allowance

The annual cost of living increase in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery G.I. Bill - Selected Reserve has been approved. Recipients don't need to take any action. However, if for some reason the payment for the month of October does not reflect the increased rate, contact the VA at 1-888-GI-Bill (1-888-442-4551). The VA can also be contacted using the internet at www.gibill.va.gov.

UTA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Nov. 2, 2002

		
TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
TBD	94 SFS TNG (SFS)	CA RANGE
0800-1000	FITNESS WALK (SG)	BLDG 731/FRONT
0800	LG/ASTS/TPC	
0900	OG/AES/22AF/AW STAFF	
1000	SG/RS/SPTG	
0900-1100	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	BLDG 838/94AES
1300	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	QTRLY PCIII WORKERS GP	BLDG 827/RM 208B
	(MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS (DPMT)	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG(XP)	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94 CES	BLDG 922/FRONT
	Nov. 3, 2002	

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TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION		
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND		
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS	NAVY CLINIC		
TBD	94 SFS TNG (SFS)	CA RANGE		
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC		
0830-1100	MASK FIT (APS/AES/ASTS)	BLDG 838/RM 1322		
0900-0930	C.A.I.B. MTG (FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313		
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC		
0900-1000	CHIEFS GROUP MTG (PA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202		
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS (DPMT)	BLDG 838/RM 2304		
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105		
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR		
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202		
1130	CMDR'S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)		
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS		
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC		
1315-1400	QTRLY SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG	BLDG 744/		
	(MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	2ND FL TNG RM		
1400-1500	CCAF GRADUATION (DPMT)	BLDG 838/WCR		
CNX	QTRLY NEWCMRS MTG (94AW/CC)	CONSOL OPEN MESS		

Promotions







To Chief Master Sergeant
Paul R. Walker
To Senior Master Sergeant
Dale G. Griffith
To Master Sergeant
Steven L. Belcher
Thomas H. Rainwater

Newly Assigned

Lt. Col. Robert E. McCoy Maj. Christopher E. Cronce Maj. Charles E. Saunders 1st Lt. Brenda A. Howell Tech. Sgt. Bruce D. Clere Tech. Sgt. Charles E. Hobson Staff Sgt. Jeffery B. Brice Staff Sgt. Ernie O. Cajoe Staff Sgt. Rebekah R. Chambers Staff Sgt. Melanie V. Davis Staff Sgt. Graham T. Dondlinger Staff Sgt. Louis Fleming Staff Sgt. Robert W. Kane Staff Sgt. Gregory Marcus Senior Airman Veronique N. Camese Senior Airman Anthony E. Carter Jr. Senior Airman Wendy R. Fetters Senior Airman Eric B. Hosey Senior Airman Lisa M. Lawson Senior Airman Clarence A. Merchant Senior Airman Kevin M. Paridee Jr. Senior Airman William S. Smith Airman First Class Bambi L. Tilley Airman Basic Tashmo V. Marsh Airman Basic Samuel F. Murphy

FY 2003 UTA calender

UTAs FY 2003	(ALTERNATE UTA
02-03 NOV 02	16-17 NOV 02
07-08 DEC 02	14-15 DEC 02
11-12 JAN 03	11-12 JAN 03
01-02 FEB 03	08-09 FEB 03
01-02 MAR 03	08-09 MAR 03
05-06 APR 03	12-13 APR 03
03-04 MAY 03	17-18 MAY 03
07-08 JUN 03	21-22 JUN 03
12-13 JUL 03	19-20 JUL 03
02-03 AUG 03	09-10 AUG 03
06-07 SEP 03	13-14 SEP 03

Anniversary coins commemorating 20 years of H-Model C-130s at Dobbins ARB still available...



These numbered coins were part of the 20th Anniversary celebration. The coin is selling for \$12. The first 100 coins are reserved for wing members assigned in 1982. For information on how to purchase one of these souveiners, contact the 700th Airlift Squadron.



Chance encounter

Reserve NCOs in right place, right time for crash victim

By Chief Master Sgt. Bettie Petrie 628th Civil Engineering Flight

When Senior Master Sgt. Harold Brown was on temporary duty in Germany in July, he had no idea he would have to rely on his firefighting and paramedic experience to save someone's life.

Marcus Merk, a 20-year old German national was involved in a horrific crash in his sport utility vehicle on the Autobahn. Lucky for him, Brown and Master Sgt. Ray Riel, witnessed the event and were able to tend to his life-threatening injuries.

"We saw the SUV flipping over about 50 yards from us, the engine flew out across the two oncoming lanes and the median and landed just short of our car," said Brown, a firefighter with the 628th Civil Engineering Flight at Dobbins.

"The SUV hit the guard rail and flipped upright on all four wheels," Brown explained. "I could see the driver being whipped around inside the vehicle, I thought for sure he was dead.'

Brown and Riel jumped out and ran across four lanes of traffic to see what they could do to help.

"I grabbed the emergency road kit and the first-aid kit from the car and we ran to the SUV where we saw the driver was still alive and was bleeding from his

arm," said Riel, an individual mobilization augmentee to the 796th Civil Engineering Squadron at Eglin AFB, Fl.

As Brown went to work tending to Merc's injuries, Riel stood by and provided assistance as needed.

"I asked Ray to hand me some bandages and all I could see was windmilling arms and objects flying through the airs," Brown recalled with a chuckle. "He turned his head away and stretched to reach me with the bandages."

Riel then turned his attention to helping clear the road. Two trucks had already stopped and were helping scrape parts off the road and stopping traffic. A rescue helicopter was called in to pick up the injured driver.

German emergency medical technicians soon arrived and took over before Merk was transported.

He broke both arms and his left one was badly lacerated. Multiple pins were inserted to hold the bones in place.

Brown and Riel, hopped in their car and headed out in the direction they were heading

The following day when the two airmen were driving back to Spangdahlem AB Germany, they saw a man and woman pulled over at the accident site. They stopped to see if they could answer any

questions and it turned out that the couple was the parents of the injured driver, Nikolaus and Maria Merk.

"We were immediately wrapped in a huge bear hug by the man, and the woman was crying and saying thank you over and over," said Riel. "They told us that Marcus had been in surgery for four hours and was alive. That was our biggest concern after seeing how much blood he'd lost."

More surgery on Merk's left arm is needed to attempt restoration of the feeling in two fingers, he is expected to recover.

"I'm aware of how close I was to being in a much worse situation, so thank God you came along when you did," Merk said in an email to Brown.

His parents echoed that thought. "If it was not for you, the situation could have been a lot worse, but because of your quick thinking and knowledge, our son is able to live the rest of his life," wrote Nikolaus Merk.

Marcus, his family, Brown, and Riel were reunited in August when the two were on another TDY to Germany.

One moment in time - with coincidence, fate and luck in abundance - has fostered lifelong friendships between a German family and two Air Force Reserve



Merk, Brown and Riel get together on a return trip to Germany.

News to use

AIRMAN DINING FACILITY - VERHULST HALL - HOURS OF **OPERATION**

Sunday

0900-1000

	Galdiday	Ouriday	
Breakfast	0630-0730	0600-0700	
Lunch	1100-1300	1030-1230	
Dinner	1700-1800		
Saturday			
1100-1115	94 MXS/94 SP	94 MXS/94 SPT GP/80 APS	
1115-1130	94 AES/94 LSS	94 AES/94 LSS/94 ASTS	
1130-1200	94 SFS/94 LG/2	22 AF/94 CES	
1200-1230	700 AS/94 CF/CBCFT/94 AW		
1230-1300	94 MSS/94 ALCF/94 OG/OSF		
Sunday			
1030-1115	94 MXS/94 SP	TGP/80 APS	
1115-1130	94 AES/94 LSS	94 ASTS	
1130-1145	94 SFS/94 LG/2	22 AF/94 CES	
1145-1200	700 AS/94 CF/9	94 CCF/94 AW	
1200-1230	94 MSS/94 ALCF/94 OG/OSF		

Saturday

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Mon-Fri. 0730-1530 (LUNCH 1130-1230) 0730-1530 (LUNCH 1130-1230)

BASE OPERATIONS

CATHOLIC SERVICE

(NAS, ATL/BLDG 32)

DAIIY 0700-2300 **RELIGIOUS SERVICES - SUNDAY** PROTESTANT WORSHIP 0640-0700 (AFS, BLDG 838) PROTESTANT SERVICE 0730 (DARB CHAPEL)

PROTESTANT SERVICE 1000 (NAS, BLDG 32) CATHOLIC LAY SERVICE 1100 (DARB CHAPEL)

AF FITNESS CENTER - UTAs

0600-1600 Saturday Sunday 0600-1500

GRIFFIN SERVICES, Computer Classes

WINDOWS 2000 VOL I, 0830-1115 (NONINTERACTIVE)

WINDOWS 2000 VOL I, 1230-1615 (NONINTERACTIVE) SIGN-UP FOR CLASSES AT: https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/22af/94aw/94sptg/94cf/classes.asp

MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT

Mon-Thurs Friday 0830-1100 **UTA** Saturday 0830-1500 **UTA Sunday** 0900-1500

MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT (MPF)

OUTPROCESSING & RETIREMENT BRIEFINGS UTA Saturday BLDG 838/RM 2406 **OUTPROCESSING** APVD REASONMTS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS (BRING ORDERS, IF AVAILABLE) TDY OUTPROCESSING 30 DAYS & ALL FORMAL SCHOOL TOURS (BRING ORDERS, if available) 1100 RETIREMENT BRIFFING

UTA Sunday BLDG 922/ROOM 205 0900 **OUTPROCESSING** APVD REASGNMTS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS (BRING ORDERS, IF AVAILABLE)

TDY OUTPROCESSING 30 DAYS & ALL FORMAL SCHOOL TOURS (BRING ORDERS, if available) RETIREMANT BRIEFING

BASE TRAINING & EDUCATION CDC & PMF TESTING SCHEDULE

1300-1600 UTA Saturday **UTA Sunday** 0900-1200 2ND & 4TH Wednesday 0900-1200 DANTES CLEP & DSST EXAMS (BY APPOINTMENT)

UTA Sunday 1330 1ST & 3RD Tuesday 0830 & 1330

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

0715-1600 **AUTOMATED BASE SERVICE STATION:** OPEN 24 HRS/ 7 DAYS PER WEEK

FUELS STORAGE/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES:

Mon-Tues 0730-1630 Wed-Sun 0730-2030 INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT ISSUE:

Mon-Fri

UTA 0730-1630 **DEMAND PROCESSING SERVICE:**

0715-1115

0715-1600

Mon-Fri

0730-1630 PICKUP AND DELIVERY SERVICE: Mon-Fri 0715-1600 UTA 0730-1630

LOX STORAGE/DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES:

Mon-Tues 0730-1630 Wed-Sun 0730-2030